

The Croton-on-Hudson Village Newsletter

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New Water Lines Coming to Harmon

This year the Village will undertake a major project to replace many of the water lines in the area of the Village referred to as the "Harmon flats". Problems of leaks and brown water have become more prevalent in recent years as the existing lines have aged. The replacement of the old water mains is expected to eliminate brown water and any low pressure problems. New hydrants and valves will also be installed.

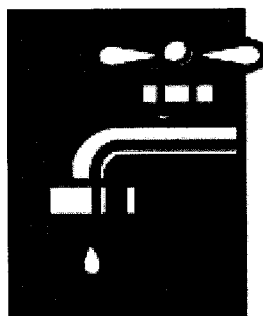
The water main construction project will install 8-inch ductile-iron water mains to replace the existing pit-cast iron and galvanized water mains. The old water mains will be abandoned in place. This approach will minimize disturbance and shorten the length of the project. New curb boxes, where each individual home is connected to the main water line, will also be put in.

The new water lines will be installed first along both Benedict Blvd. and Oneida Ave. between Cleveland Ave. and S. Riverside along with multiple new valves at each cross-street intersection. After that, the new water lines will be installed on the

cross-streets of Young, Hastings, Penfield and Whelan in their entirety; Devon Ave. and Crest St. are also included. As sections of water line installation are completed, individual home connections will be made at their respective curb boxes and their connection with the old water line will be cut off and abandoned. At the project's completion, there will be no connections remaining to the old water lines.

The entire water line replacement project is planned to be completed by the end of this year. During this time, residents may have, at times, limited access to their street as well as limitations imposed on street parking. There may also be some temporary interruptions of water for short durations.

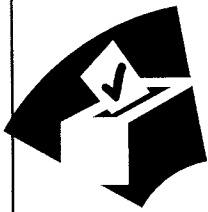
Kellard Engineering & Consulting of Armonk designed the project and produced the job specifications. The project will soon be put out to bid, subject to approval by the County Board of Health. Once a contractor is selected, the specific phasing of the project will be decided in consultation with the Village Engineer.



Duck Pond Skating

After many years when the Duck Pond never froze over to a depth to support ice skating, this winter has been a bonanza. For several weeks the pond was a scene of activity with adults and children honing their skating skills. The Recreation Dept. has been clearing it and checking on the ice depth while the Fire Dept. has flooded it to keep the ice as smooth as possible.

March is a month for Voting



During the month of March, registered Croton residents will have two occasions to vote—the New York State Primaries on Tuesday, March 2 and the Village Election on Tuesday, March 16th. In both cases the polls will be open from 6 AM to 9 PM.

For the Primary Election the polling places are as follows:

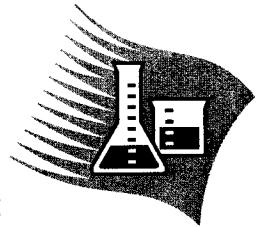
- District 6 Washington Engine Company
- District 7 Municipal Building
- District 8 Grand St. Firehouse
- District 9 Municipal Building
- District 10 Harmon Engine Company
- District 25 Lutheran Church
- District 31 Sky View Haven

The Village Election, on March 16, will be to determine two Trustees for the Village Board. The Republican candidates are Greg Schmidt and Tom Brennan. The Democratic candidates are Tom Burniston and Charlie Kane. The Fire Department Service Award proposition will also be on the ballot. All voting will be at the Municipal Building.

Super Science Programs for Kids

“Make & Take Projects”

Students in grades 1 to 5 will discover the excitement of science in a special 2-day program offered by the Recreation Dept. on Mon. and Tues., April 5th and 6th. Participants will make a wide variety of toys that are designed to illustrate science concepts and make learning fun. Make your own Submarine Diver game and learn about fluids and pressure. Build a working model of Hero's fountain. Make ultraviolet light-detecting bead bracelets. Build a working electric motor and a fun fountain pen. Plus ... the science of spinning tops, rattlebacks, and more!



The registration deadline is March 28 using the form located on the back page of the Recreation brochure (also available in the Recreation Office). The fee is \$80./residents and \$95./non-residents.

The program will take place in the Municipal Building Community Room. Participants should bring a non-perishable lunch.

New Pumper Unveiled



A new pumper truck was delivered to the Harmon Engine Company at the end of 2003. The brand new lime-green pumper, which cost \$385,978, was built to the Fire Department's specifications. The new truck includes a top-mounted 2200 gallon/minute pump, an 8-passenger enclosed cab, automatic ladder racks, 1400 to 1700 feet of 5-inch hose, and carries 1000 gallons of water. It is better suited than the old pumper for use in a pumper relay in outlying districts. Some pieces of equipment from the old pumper truck, such as the “jaws of life” apparatus, are currently being mounted on the new truck. When this is completed, the new pumper will go out on general alarms and company calls in the Harmon Engine District as well as parts of

the Quaker Bridge District. It will also answer calls for car accidents. It is anticipated that the new pumper truck will be in service by March.

Potassium Iodide Available

Potassium Iodide (KI) is now available for distribution at the main office of the Village—Rm. 24 in the Municipal Bldg.

Potassium Iodide (KI) is intended for those who live in the Westchester portion of the 10-mile radius Emergency Planning zone surrounding the Indian Point Power Plants. It is to be taken only as directed in the event of a radiological incident. The Village Office will provide fur-

ther information about KI that will be handed out along with the tablets. When picking up KI for the members of their family, residents will be asked to sign a form indicating that is the case.

The tablets are being provided by Westchester County. For more information about KI visit their website at www.westchestergov.com/health or call 914-813-5000.

Spotlight on Tom Brann

Since 1999, Tom Brann has been Croton's Water Foreman. Licensed to run water and waste-water facilities, Tom came to Croton after running these facilities for the Town of Carmel. He also has experience as an excavator.

"Croton is blessed with a great supply of high quality water", says Tom. As Water Foreman, Tom is charged with overseeing the daily operations of the Water department. This means ensuring Croton's water is in compliance with the County Health Dept. and State guidelines. The Village's 3 wells, 4 storage tanks, booster station, and the distribution system are under

Tom's purview.

Since joining the Village, the daily operations of the wells have been automated through a computer-controlled system. This has reduced the need for multiple shifts to cover each 24-hour period. In the last year, the Water Dept. has begun radio meter-reading by installing transmitters on home meters which can be read from receivers in the street. To date, about 50% have been installed and this will ultimately save staff time and allow the Village to bill water on a quarterly basis rather than semi-annually improving the Village's cash flow. It will also help people with large bills pay in smaller increments. Tom's biggest challenge is

ahead of him as the Village embarks on addressing problems in its old distribution system. Work on replacing the water lines in the Harmon area this spring will be the first step in that direction. To accomplish this, Tom says he considers himself fortunate to have qualified staff to work with him. Starting out on a career in business and finance, Tom attended WCC and graduated from the American University in Rome, Italy, where he studied International Finance. He found he preferred a job with more variety and independence. Tom lives in Southeast with his wife and 2 girls, aged 3 1/2 and 2. He enjoys skiing, ice hockey and water skiing in his spare time.



*"I think I have the
world."*

Tom Brann

Gateway Overlay Districts

The proposed law to establish a Gateway Overlay Zoning ordinance in the village is moving forward in the review process. As identified in Croton's 2003 Comprehensive Plan, the proposed ordinance would establish three gateway areas in Croton. These areas are: Harmon/South Riverside, the Municipal Place Shopping area, and the North End office district along Albany Post Rd. between Routes 9 and 9A. These three areas were selected on the basis of three characteristics:

1. Vehicular entry points into the village from Routes 9 and 9A.
2. Commercial or office uses principally accessed by automobile traffic.
3. Possibilities for development or redevelopment.

The proposed overlay includes special use regulations, FAR (Floor Area Ratio) controls, size limitations, open space and lighting requirements, general design regulations as well as individual design guidelines for each of the gateways.

A public hearing was held at the end of 2003 on both the proposed law and on the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS). The DGEIS, prepared by the Village's consultants, Buckhurst, Fish &

Jacquemart (BFJ), examined the environmental impacts of the Gateway Overlay zone, if adopted.

Comments received at the public hearing, and written comments received during the comment period, have been responded to in a Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS), also prepared by BFJ, and received by the Trustees in February. After a further period of time allotted for comments on the FGEIS, the Trustees will prepare their Findings statement as required and will take action on the Gateway Overlay law later this month.

Fire Dept. Service Award Program Informational Meeting

An informational meeting on the proposed Fire Dept. Service Award program will be held on Monday, March 8th at 8 PM at the Municipal Bldg. It will also be televised live on Channel 78. Copies of the proposition are available at the Main Office and on the village's website. Voting on the proposition will be at the March 16th election,

We're on the Web. Visit
us at :
<http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov>

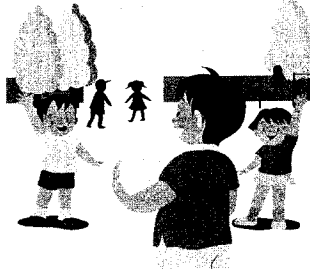
Got a Question?



How can I enroll my children in the Day Camp and Tiny Tots Program?

Enrolling your child in either of these programs is by lottery. The lottery process eliminates the long line and the need to be present on a specific date and time. In 2003, no Village resident or School District resident who participated in the lottery registration process was turned away from either of these programs.

The lottery registration deadline for Day Camp and Tiny Tots for Summer 2004 is Thursday, April 15 at 12 noon. You must register using the specific Day Camp or Tiny Tots triplicate registration form. To be included in the lottery, your form(s) must be in our office before the deadline, completed and paid in full. The Recreation Dept. suggests



bringing your form(s) to their office in person, weekdays between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM. The triplicate registration forms will be available in early March on the rack outside the Recreation Office on the second floor of the Municipal Building and at the Croton Free Library.

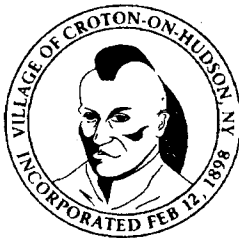
NOTICE!

"Picture Tunnel" Temporarily Closed



Work has begun on the construction of the new road to run along Croton's Hudson Riverfront. Starting now and for the duration of the construction, the tunnel from Municipal Place to the river will be closed. It will be reopened for pedestrian and bicycle access when the new road is completed. In the interim, access to the waterfront will be from the Brook Street at grade railroad crossing.

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